

# Annual Report



2019



## Letter from our Executive Director

Dr. Bruce D. Martin

*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

*In 2019, we enjoyed a full house of students and scholars from diverse countries and cultures whose experiences reflect our success. I'll share our impact in the words of two 2019 alumni.*

*"I have met so many good and kind friends from all over the world. Some of them are now friends for life. I am greatly blessed to call IHAA home because here I feel loved and cared."*

*"IHAA help[s] foster understanding and togetherness in people despite big cultural differences. I believe I've gained a lot of perspective in terms of both personal growth and my career."*

*We are, however, releasing our 2019 Annual Report in the midst of the 2020 global pandemic. Our world has been turned upside down. Like many small nonprofits, IHAA shifted its resources to survival mode. The financial impact of this unprecedented crisis on our program unfolds week by week, mask by mask, Executive Order after Executive Order presenting challenges unlike any we've faced in the last decade. To decrease the transmission of COVID, we reduced occupancy in suites by 25%, housing no more than 1 or 2 students per unit. With students staying home and taking courses online, revenue is projected to decline by 50%. Despite nearby vacant apartments with reduced rates, our occupancy rate hovers at 50% speaking to the strength and value that participants find in our program of **Global Engagement for Understanding (GEU)**.*

*We invite you, our donors, to engage with our participants through our public/virtual events and to strengthen our GEU program through your financial assistance. We are in this together and together we'll survive 2020.*

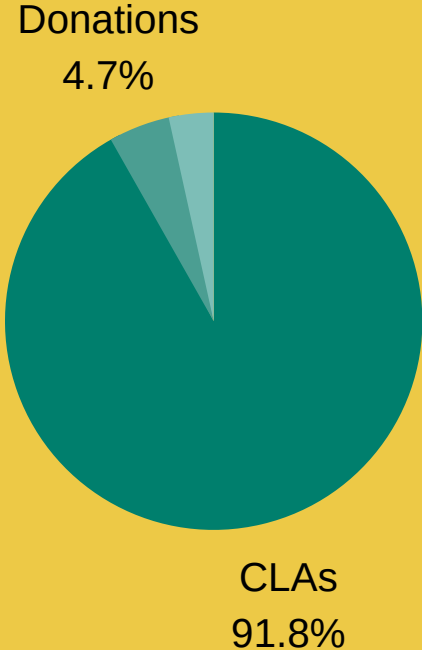
*Thank you for joining us in pursuing a more just and peaceful world,* Bruce Martin

The MISSION of International House Ann Arbor is to be a welcoming community for students and scholars of all nations, to provide residential and educational programs fostering understanding and respect for all cultures and spiritual traditions, and to promote lifelong friendships and leadership skills that contribute to harmony and peace among communities and nations around the world.

# Global Engagement for Understanding Program

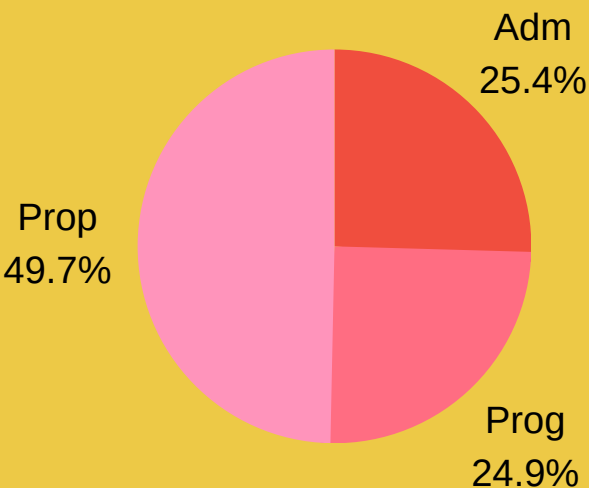
## Summary Financial Report

Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2019



### IHAA Net Assets (Financial Position)

AAACF Endowment  
\$56,486  
Net Assets, Property  
1,159, 512  
Net Revenue  
2,875  
TOTAL NET ASSETS  
**1,218,873**



### GEU Revenue

Community Living Agreements (CLAs)	\$529,723
Donations	27,363
Investment Income	8,202
TOTAL REVENUE	565,288

### GEU Expenses

Administration	\$143,116
Program	139,941
Property	279,356
TOTAL EXPENSES	562,413

# Global Engagement for Understanding 2019

Each calendar year, IHAA nurtures three cohorts of students/scholars from all over the world who choose our unique LIVING LEARNING LEADING community to deepen cultural intelligence. Our program of Global Engagement for Understanding (GEU) makes all the difference.

**GEU** provides IHAA residents with intercultural, international and interspiritual experiences that develop skills for global harmony. The program also strengthens IHAA residents' interconnections with local and global communities including the University of Michigan, local elementary schools, IHAA alumni networks, and the supportive public.



**35**

**Countries**

**1 House**

**130**

**Residents**

**10 Fulbright  
Scholars**

**100+**

**EVENTS**

**80 Local  
Youth  
Benefitting**

**750**

**Informed  
Alumni**



# GEU: Serving Our Residents

**First RAD of the Year**



**Resident  
Appreciation  
Dinners (RAD)**

**Life in the USA**

**September Birthdays**



**American Halloween  
& Corn Maze**



**UM Stadium  
Tour**



**Jewels of  
Michigan**

**Take the Lead**

**Rise & Shine  
Breakfasts**

**Inspiring  
Each Other**



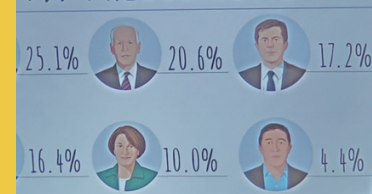
**Ice Skating at Burr Park**



**IHAA Cafe**



**MY PREDICTIONS**



**Resident-Led  
Election  
Debate  
Party**



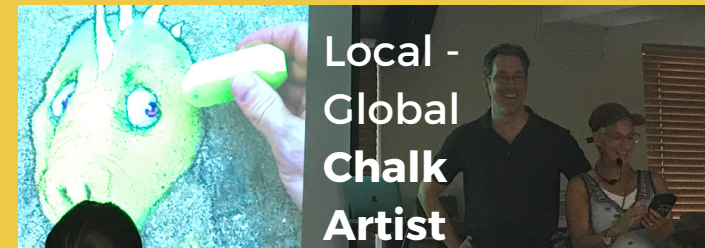
**Featured Alumni:  
Asylum Seeking  
Journalist/Artist**



*These were some of our many events.*



# GEU: Connecting Our Communities



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# OUR DONORS



*Thanks to our many loyal, long-time and newer supporters who believe in the critical work we do of laying a strong foundation for global peace. To express our gratitude, we're reporting all the names of our valued donors.*

*Gifts noted below were received between January 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020. (\* indicates IHAA alumni)*

## **\$10,000 or more**

*Phoebe & Roger Vance*

## **\$2,500 or more**

*Doris Campbell*

*Patresha Mandel &*

*Barry Shulkin*

## **\$1,000 or more**

*Elizabeth Eliason*

*Frances Lyman*

*Bruce D. Martin*

*Wadi S. Rumman*

*Norma & Ashish Sarkar\**

*John & Carolyn Wiseman*

## **\$500 or more**

*Bank of Ann Arbor*

*Joan Binkow*

*Daniel Cramer*

*Stoney & Ernestine Griffin*

*Nile Harper*

*James Berton Harris*

*Shenchuan & Sue-ing Lin*

*Northbrook Presbyterian*

*Church*

*Old National Bank*

*Maya Savarino*

*Shauna M. Scott*

*Ronald Yiu*

## **\$250 or more**

*Beth Barclay & Gaia Kile*

*Del Blain*

*Chenen Chiang\**

*Rob & Ellen Dobrusin*

*Bobbi & David Heilveil*

*John Kotre*

*Tser-Sheng Lin\**

*Gwen & John Nystuen*

*Deborah Rough*

*Jim Schaafsma*

*Lois Schlachter*

## **\$100 or more**

*Mariko Anno\**

*Paul Bagavandos\**

*Patricia Bauer*

*David Church*

*Church Women*

*United - Downriver*

*James Conley*

*James Crowfoot*

*Molly Dobson*

*Jack Edelstein*

*John Greisberger*

*Hajime Hasegawa\**

*Mariko Kunimi\**

*Hanns Kuttner*

*Robert Miller*

*Cecila Paas*

*Benjamin Peters*

*Peoples Presbyterian*

*Church - Milan*

*Hoa Phan\**

*Angelo Pitillo*

*Joanne Pohl*

*Lana & Henry Pollack*

*Daniel Rubenstein &*

*Anne Thomas*

*Eleanor Shaw*

*Cliff & Ingrid Sheldon*

*Linda Watkins' Troop 81*

*Yu Yan\* & Zilong*

*Wang\**

*Iris Yim*

*Lauren & FD Zinn*

*Ruth & Frank K. Zinn*

## **\$20 or more**

*Jane Bonner*

*Mary Browning (d)*

*Mary B. Caldwell*

*Carol Canavan*

*Church Women*

*United - Ypsilanti*

*Judy Coucourvanis*

*Hien Doan\**

*Alexander Frank\**

*Sheena Harris\**

*Hsin-Yun Hsieh\**

*Harshit Jain\**

*Lois Jelneck*

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*Mian Wei\**

*Joel Winston*

*Paul & Kathy Winston*

*Thomas Woehrle*

*Yu Xia\**



## Our Board

*Thanking Outgoing  
2019 Board Members*

Judith Pennywell  
Dan Cramer

*Welcoming New &  
Continuing 2020  
Board Members*

Benji Peters  
Meredith Kahn  
Asinda Sirignano  
Del Blain  
Ashish Sarkar  
Jim Schaafsma  
Daniel Rubenstein  
Rob Dobrusin  
Linda Kentes  
Elena Godin  
Bobbi Heilveil  
Brian Derickson  
Angelo Pitillo

## Afterword by Board President Angelo Pitillo



*The board of directors of International House Ann Arbor bring together members of the local academic, civic, and international communities. We are all committed to the IHAA core mission of promoting global engagement for understanding. Our board members' range of diverse experiences and backgrounds enable us to provide diverse perspectives in support of IHAA staff and residents as we seek to encourage a more welcoming, globally-oriented community for all.*

*I would like to express my deep gratitude to the many stakeholders – friends, donors, and volunteers – who enable us to serve our residents and help them achieve their educational, professional, and personal goals. And this year more than ever, I would like to thank IHAA's exceptional staff for their commitment to our program and their personal investment in our residents' well-being in these very difficult times. Under the able direction of our Executive Director, they have successfully navigated the many challenges presented so far by the Covid pandemic. I feel confident that they have prepared us to not only survive but to thrive as together we face the challenges ahead.*

*Angelo Pitillo*

## Our Alumni Council

*Thanks to Outgoing 2019 Alumni Council Members for all your service!*

Alex Morriss-Andrews, USA

Sofia-Eleftheria Gonida, GREECE

Paul Bagavandoss, USA & INDIA

*Welcome to Returning & Incoming 2020 Alumni Council Members!*

Gal Lahav, ISRAEL

Infer Khalid, PAKISTAN

Lex Guiritan, PHILIPPINES

Liesbeth Vicca, BELGIUM

Behcet Özkara, TURKEY

Jandeui Kim, TURKEY & SOUTH KOREA



## Our Staff

*We're a small team but our dedication to pursuing the vision of International House Ann Arbor through its program of Global Engagement for Understanding is BIG. During a worldwide pandemic & protests, the value of our program for deepening personal international connections, global empathy, and cultural intelligence cannot be underestimated. We believe in the power of our work to bring about a more just and peaceful world.*

Dr. Bruce D. Martin, Executive Director

Janelle Fosler, Program Director

Stoney Griffin, Facilities Manager

Lauren Zinn, Development Director

Jonathan Martin, Instructional Technology



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